AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1-16 - cancelled.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of permitting customized end-user interaction with a call service in an intelligent network, <u>said method</u> comprising:

collecting user input information needed to establish the call service;

providing the collected user inputs to a service control point associated with the call service; and

outputting information through a standardized interface between the service control point and an intelligent peripheral, wherein the information is associated with the call service in a manner customized with respect to a given user through a set of configurable parameters at said a customized intelligent peripheral unit thereby enabling play out of output information through a standardized interface in different formats dependent on a given user.

- 18. (Original) The method according to claim 17, wherein collecting user input information comprises collecting one or more of DTMF tones, analog pulses, and verbalized speech.
- 19. (Original) The method according to claim 17, wherein outputting information comprises outputting at least one of a recorded message and spontaneously-generated speech.
- 20. (Original) The method according to claim 19, wherein outputting spontaneously-generated speech comprises concatenating a string of recorded speech segments.

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21. (Original) The method according to claim 17, wherein outputting information associated with the call service in a manner customized with respect to a given user comprises outputting information having a form corresponding to the given user's geographic location.